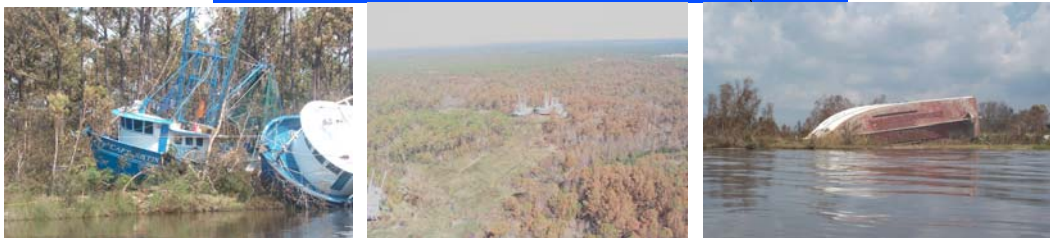
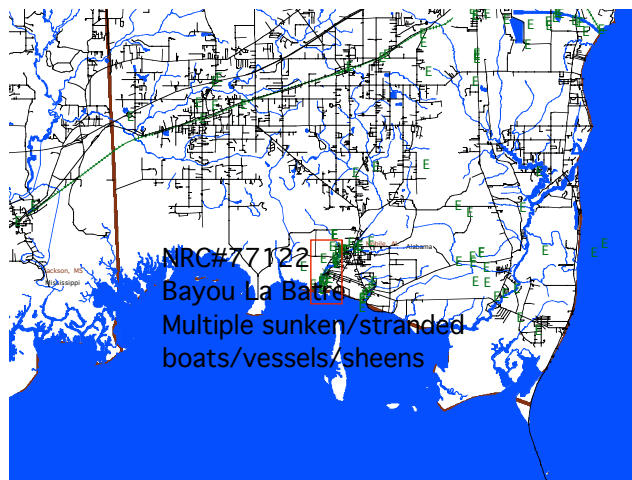


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Multiple Boats and Vessels

Bayou La Batre, AL

Approximately 150 vessels, mostly fishing boats are in this area. Assessments have found that a few dozen of these boats have been significantly impacted by the storm and are either stranded inland or capsized in the waterway. Some of the vessels are leaking fuel creating sheening in the waterway. Options to address the sheening are being considered by planning. Those vessels posing the most pollution or navigation risks are being prioritized for immediate salvage by the response. In some cases, private owners in Bayou La Batre are developing their own salvage plans and coordinating any necessary permitting with Army Corps of Engineers. Salvage of the approximately 25 stranded vessels in the area is an important planning issue to minimize impacts to the surrounding wetlands from dredging, heavy equipment deployment, and oil and sheen removal from the vessels, waterways or land.



Environmental/Response Issues

- Immediate salvage of vessels posing pollution/navigation hazards
- Cleanup of oil released to wetlands from stranded vessels
- Environmental considerations during emergency salvage operations by response org.
- Environmental considerations during salvage by private owners

